

STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow the Town of Bluffton and the Bluffton Police Department on its social media platforms for the latest, up-to-date information, as it relates to the greater Bluffton area.

Also, please create an account on the Town's website (www.townofbluffton.sc.gov) to receive alerts and other notifications.



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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dispatch
843-524-2777

Town of Bluffton
843-706-4500

Bluffton Police Department
843-706-4550

Bluffton Municipal Court
843-706-4530

Bluffton Business License Division
843-706-4501

Bluffton Township Fire District
843-757-2800

Beaufort County Sheriff's Office
843-255-3200

Beaufort County Court
843-255-7861

14 Circuit Solicitor's Office
843-255-5880

Beaufort County DSS
843-255-6080

Beaufort County School District
843-322-2300

Bluffton Self Help
843-757-8000

United Way of the Lowcountry
843-982-3040

HURRICANE SEASON



CHECKLIST

Know your hurricane risk: Hurricanes are not just a coastal problem. Find out how rain, wind, and water could happen where you live so you can start preparing now. Be sure to consider how COVID-19 may affect your plans.

Make a plan: Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plan.

Those with disabilities: If you or anyone in your household has a disability identify if you may need additional help during an emergency.

Prepare your Business: Make sure your business has a continuity plan to continue operating when disaster strikes.

Review Important Documents: Make sure your insurance policies and personal documents like your ID are updated. Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.

Strengthen your Home: Declutter drains and gutters, bring in outside furniture and consider hurricane shutters.

Get Tech Ready: Keep your cell phone charged when you know a hurricane is in the forecast and purchase backup charging devices to power electronics.

Help your Neighborhood: Check with neighbors, senior adults, or those who may need additional help securing hurricane plans to see how you can be of assistance to others.

Gather Supplies: Have enough supplies for your household, including medication, disinfectant supplies, masks, and pet supplies in your go-bag or car trunk. After a hurricane, you may not have access to these supplies for days or even weeks

TERMS

- WATCHES -

Storm Surge Watch: There is a possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

Hurricane Watch: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, The National Hurricane Center issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates tropical storm-force winds.

Tropical Storm Watch: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.

- WARNINGS -

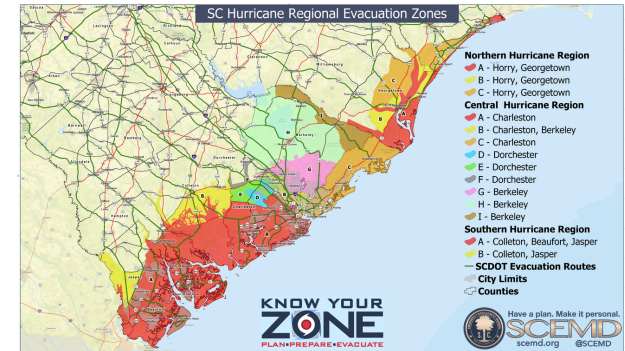
Storm Surge Warning: There is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours. If you are under a storm surge warning, check for evacuation orders from your local officials.

Hurricane Warning: Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. The National Hurricane Center issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations. All preparations should be complete. Evacuate immediately if so ordered.

Tropical Storm Warning: Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours. Extreme Wind Warning: Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

KNOW YOUR ZONE

State and local authorities will announce evacuations by predesignated zones. Bluffton is within Beaufort County which is Zone A.



ONLINE RESOURCES

Town of Bluffton
www.townofbluffton.sc.gov

South Carolina Emergency Management Division
www.scemd.org

National Weather Service
www.weather.gov

National Hurricane Center
www.nhc.noaa.gov

Ready
www.ready.gov/hurricanes